

## PHARMACY BOARD[657]

### Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 5, "Pharmacy Support Persons," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments clarify the authority of a pharmacy support person, under the supervision of a pharmacist, to place a prescription container that has been verified by a pharmacist into a bag or sack for delivery to the patient as part of the sales transaction.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the June 15, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9556B**. The Board received no written comments regarding the proposed amendments. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

The amendments were approved during the September 13, 2011, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy. After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.6B.

These amendments will become effective on November 9, 2011.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 657—5.17(155A) as follows:

**657—5.17(155A) Tasks a pharmacy support person shall not perform.** A pharmacy support person shall not perform any of the following judgmental or technical functions. Performance of any of these tasks by a pharmacy support person shall constitute the practice of pharmacy without a license in violation of Iowa Code section 155A.7. A pharmacy support person shall not:

1. to 6. No change.

7. Package, pour, or place in a container for dispensing, sale, distribution, transfer, vending, or barter any drug which, under federal or state laws, may be sold or dispensed only pursuant to the prescription of a practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs. This prohibited task includes the addition of water or other liquid for reconstitution of oral antibiotic liquids. A pharmacy support person may place a prescription container into a bag or sack for delivery to the patient as part of the sales transaction after the accuracy of the prescription has been verified by the pharmacist.

8. to 15. No change.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 657—5.18(155A) as follows:

**657—5.18(155A) Nontechnical pharmacy support tasks.** An appropriately trained and registered pharmacy support person may perform any of the following nontechnical functions that have been delegated to the pharmacy support person by the supervising pharmacist:

1. Perform the duties of a pharmacy clerk. The duties of a pharmacy clerk may include placing a prescription container into a bag or sack for delivery to the patient as part of the sales transaction after the accuracy of the prescription has been verified by the pharmacist.

2. to 9. No change.

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